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APPLICANT : William T. BALL
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Examiner : Eric K. NICHOLSON
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT A


In response to the non-final office action dated May 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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